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Augusta Military Academy, is spending the holidays with his mother, who has been spending the last few months in New York City, has returned to her home in this city to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. Charles B. Sullivan, who is taking an engineering course at the University of Virginia, is spending the holidays at his home here.

Capt. Fountain Beattie has returned from California, where he spent the past six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pollard, of Staunton, are visiting relatives in this city.

Messrs. John Wenzel and Jack Beardon, members of the 1915 graduating class of the Alexandria High School, now students at the University of Virginia and Randolph-Macon College, respectively, are spending the Christmas holidays here.

The Alexandria German Club gave its Christmas dinner on Wednesday night in the auditorium of the Elks' Home. It was largely attended, among the present being a number of out-of-town guests. The dinner was led by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Oliver.

Mr. Carroll Pierce, Jr., a student at the University of Pennsylvania, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Pierce.

Misses Lila and Kitty Barrett have returned from San Francisco, where they spent several weeks.

Miss Anna E. Grestinger, of Montclair, N. J., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sherman E. Fowler.

Mr. Edwin C. Atkinson, of the U. S. S. Delaware, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Ellis, of Mount Vernon, left Thursday night for St. Louis to visit Mrs. Ellis' sister, Mrs. F. C. Ryderson, with whom they will spend two weeks.

Miss Grace Martin entertained a number of her friends at a birthday party at her home Monday night. Among those present were Misses Virginia Fannon, May Brock, Dorothy Knight, Catherine Hoy, Helen Patterson, Mary Kelley, Annie Kelley, and Katie Fitzpatrick, and Messrs. James Dwyer, Charles Corbett, Roy Brack, Clyde Smith, John Wells, Lawrence Corbett, Claude Hunt, Norman Simpson, Kenneth Lyles, Leon Edgington, Chester Fannon, Frederick Eddie Martin, and Jacob McDonald, the last named of Washington.

Mr. Alexander Doniphan, Jr., of the Augusta Military Academy, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Doniphan.

Mr. Clarence Robinson, of the Augusta Military Academy, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Robinson.

Misses Elizabeth and Lucy Walker, of Marshall, Va., are visiting their cousin, Mrs. J. L. Grimm, Duke street.

Mr. George O. Greene, editor of the Clifton Forge Daily Review, was a visitor here during the week.

LAUREL.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Gilbert will close their home, Wheatland, Christmas and New Year, where they have taken a house on Prince George street for the winter.

Mr. Herman Millard has returned from a trip to Lexington, Ky.

Miss Josephine Cronmiller spent the week-end with friends in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Bradley and Mrs. Theodore Bradley visited friends here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Inman and family have moved to Second street.

Mr. Lee Gilbert and family, of Relay, are the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Gilbert, for the holidays.

Mrs. Grace Homer, of Baltimore, is the guest of friends here.

Mr. R. W. Pillsbury, of New Hampshire, was the guest last week of Mr. Henry C. Sample in Lafayette avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Robey have returned from Atlantic City.

Mrs. Charles T. Johns has returned to her home in Woodbury, N. J., after an enjoyable stay of several weeks with relatives in Bladensburg.

Mrs. George F. Kahler and her niece, Miss Katherine L. Newton, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Kahler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Norris, Thrift.

Mr. Stuart B. Ladson is spending the holidays with friends and relatives in Norfolk and Old Point Comfort, Va.

Miss Hazel Kirlind has returned to her home in Baltimore after a stay of several days with relatives here and in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Raymond Summers, of Rochester, N. Y., are spending the holidays with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Grover A. Summers, Riverdale.

Miss Mary Alice Dandy is spending the holidays with relatives in Baltimore.

Miss Hilda Beall, a member of the faculty of Richmond College for Women, is spending the holidays with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Clagett, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Hunter and their daughter, Angela, of Williamsport, Pa., are spending the week with friends and relatives near Berwyn.

Mr. Philip Mitchell has returned to his home in Washington after a pleasant stay of several days with friends and relatives here.

Mr. Bowie Owens, secretary of Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, is spending the week with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Seybold, of Laurel, visited friends and relatives here last week.

Miss Helen Greenleaf, of Portland, Me., is spending the week here with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Jones.

Baboons are said to have a remarkable instinct for locating water, and are used for that purpose in certain parts of Africa.

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MRS. JAMES LEES LAIDLAW, beautiful New York society matron, who is an enthusiastic suffrage worker.



A CORNER IN ANCESTORS

THE WATSON FAMILY.

Early American Watsons—Arms of the Yorkshire Branch of the Family—Gray Characteristics—McCormicks Are Descended from King David of Scotland—The Astors Are of German Origin—Ancestry of William Cullen Bryant.

By FRANCES COWLES.

The earliest settler of the name Watson in America was probably Robert Watson, who was in Plymouth, Mass., in 1623. His wife's first name was Elizabeth—her last name is not recorded—and their children were George, Robert, Samuel and probably a daughter, Frances, who married John Rogers. An early settler of the name whose American life began in an interesting way was John Watson, an Englishman. He crossed the Atlantic, it is said, on the same sailing vessel with a young woman named Peggy Smith. One day Peggy lost her balance and fell overboard and the gallant John jumped into the sea and rescued her. Peggy and he became very well acquainted during the rest of the voyage and shortly after their arrival in the new world Peggy—or Margaret, as her name really was—became Mrs. John Watson.

Still another first settler of the name was Nathan Watson, who was born in Wales in 1729, and who emigrated to New Hampshire in 1752. He married Ruth Bean, of Wales, and had Phoebe, Nathan, Elijah, Josiah and Polly.

The coat of arms illustrated, those of the Yorkshire branch of the family, is described: Argent on a chevron azure between three martlets sable as many crescents or. The crest is a griffin's head erect argent ducally gorged or. The motto is "Mea Gloria Fides."

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CIVIC SESSIONS BEGIN TUESDAY

Lord and Lady Aberdeen Will Address Association at Covington Here.

MEETINGS THREE DAYS

City Planning, Noise Nuisance, and Billboard Question Will Be Discussed by Experts.

The American Civic Association yesterday received assurances from Lord and Lady Aberdeen, who are just now at Virginia Hot Springs, that they would be present and attend the entire convention of that organization, which begins its three-day session on Tuesday morning. Lord Aberdeen, who is best known in America as Governor-General of Canada, but whose European reputation rests upon the work he did as Viceroy of Ireland, will address the opening session of the convention on Tuesday morning.

Lady Aberdeen will participate in the social phases in the convention and will read a paper entitled "Some of our hopes for civic advancement in Ireland," before the meeting on Wednesday afternoon. This meeting, which will be held in the ballroom of the Willard Hotel, is expected to be one of the most interesting of the entire convention. It will be held at a particular direction by the fact that it will be presided over by Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President.

Joint Session Planned.

The convention will hold morning sessions on each of the four days, an evening session Tuesday, and afternoon sessions Wednesday and Thursday. It will adjourn following the morning session Friday. One of the most interesting sessions of the convention will be held Thursday morning jointly with the Second Pan-American Scientific Congress, for the discussion of city planning.

Following the welcoming of the delegates to the city and the receipt of greetings from related civic organizations at the morning session Tuesday, the first of the sessions for the discussion of special topics will be held Tuesday evening, with "Our National Parks" as the subject. The subject will be opened with the annual address of J. Horace McFarland, president of the association, on "What shall we do with Niagara?" R. B. Marshall, general superintendent of national parks, will speak on "What must be done for the parks." Richard B. Watrous, secretary of the American Civic Association, will talk on "A national park service: what it proposes," and there will be other addresses dealing with various conditions and needs of the country's playgrounds. Motion pictures taken in the parks will illustrate an address by Robert S. Yard, of the Interior Department.

Will Talk Billboards.

At the conclusion of a business session on Wednesday morning, special committees of the association will report on what has been accomplished toward restriction of the display of billboards, toward the abatement of the noise nuisance and for the improvement of markets. The reports will be made, respectively, by E. C. Willard, of Chicago; Mrs. Imogen B. Oakley, of Philadelphia; and Mrs. Elmer E. Black, of New York City.

The function of the school centers in the making of citizens from the raw immigrant material that has been pouring into the country, will be discussed by Raymond F. Crist, deputy commissioner of naturalization of the Department of Labor, who has had a large part in the adaptation of night classes of immigrants to the country to the work of preparing men and women for naturalization. The actual workings of certain community centers will be described by Dr. Charles E. North, of New York City, and the theme in fiction will be illustrated by Miss Zona Gale by the reading of a short story of which she is the author.

G. W. U. NOTES.

Prof. William Allen Wilbur, dean of Columbian College at George Washington University, is spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in St. Louis.

Dr. Charles Edward Munroe, head of the chemistry department and dean of the School of Graduate Studies, recently delivered a lecture at the Bureau of Standards on "Propagation of Explosives."

Rear Admiral Charles Herbert Stockton, U. S. N., retired, president of the university, has been appointed member of the committee which is to act as judges of the historical essay contest being conducted by the Sons of the Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution.

Dean Wilbur recently addressed the Association of College Alumni on "Higher Education of Women in the District."

Dean Munroe is in receipt of many letters asking that he recommend graduates of the department of chemistry for positions with large manufacturing firms. These applications far exceed the supply of applicants.

Rev. E. Kinsell, who received the degree of bachelor of arts in 1913, has been appointed instructor in Old Testament history and literature at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. He is to receive the degree of bachelor of divinity at the close of the college year.

Among the students of Columbian College who are spending the Christmas holidays at their homes are Miss Margaret Haines, Allentown, Pa.; Miss Florence "Pony" Wilmington, Del.; Miss Ethel Paine, Pennsylvania; and Alvin Eisenman, Du Bois, Pa.

Members of the pre-medical class gave a dance on Wednesday night in the assembly hall of the arts and science building, 2023 G street northwest.

Rev. Dr. Abram Simon recently spoke at chapel services in the Arts and Sciences Building.

Messrs. Ramsey, Bixler, Garner, Hunter, Wolf and Tunstall, all of Columbian College, recently served as ushers at a meeting held in Memorial Continental Hall for the benefit of St. Luke's Hospital at Tokyo, Japan.

Rev. Henry T. Lutz recently lectured before one of the psychology classes in Columbian College on "Physiological and Vocational Psychology." He will lecture before the class again next semester.

Members of the freshman engineering class are planning a "get-together" meeting next month.

The freshman class at the Law School is planning to give a smoker in the near future.

C. H. Hutton, assistant librarian of the Law School, is spending his Christmas vacation in his home in Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Judson Crane, member of the faculty of the Law School, is spending the Christmas holidays in Boston.

Miss Ella Gardner, student in Teacher

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Our entire stock of Velvet and Cloth Suits, without reserve, is being sacrificed. Elaborately trimmed suits for dress occasions—and tailored suits for street wear. About one thousand suits in all—representing every fashionable style and fabric. Most of these suits are elaborately trimmed with fur.

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Our finest Suits, including chiffon velvets, kitten's ear and Bolivia cloth, worth up to \$90.00, are reduced to..... **\$35.00**

Coat Department

Upward of 700 Coats and Wraps, suitable for all occasions, are now marked at average reductions of one-third. Included are kitten's-ear, Bolivia cloth, chiffon velvets, plushes, broadcloths, zibelins, white chinchillas and exclusive mixtures.

\$5.00 for \$10.00 Coats

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\$14.75 for \$22.50 Coats

\$19.75 for \$27.50 Coats

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\$29.50 for \$40.00 Wraps

Dress Department

Several hundred Smart Street and Afternoon Dresses have been radically reduced for quick clearance, as follows:

\$10.00 For choice of 52 Serge, Covert and Combination Silk and Serge Street Dresses. Heretofore selling up to \$25.

\$14.75 For choice of 60 Taffeta, Crepe Meteor, Georgette and Velvet Dresses. Heretofore selling up to \$30.

\$19.75 For choice of 50 Velvet, Charmeuse, Crepe Meteor and Georgette Dresses. Heretofore selling up to \$40.

All of the higher priced model Dresses have been reduced proportionately.

OBITUARY

The funeral of Joseph L. Enderle, 74, who died on Thursday at his residence, The Winston, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from Central